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SUBMISSION OF SWORN TRANSLATION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a sworn English-language translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-273023, filed September 19, 2002, from which application the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Also enclosed is a Declaration regarding the accuracy of the translation, as required by MPEP §201.15, Original Eighth Edition, August 2007 revision, pp. 200-98 and 99. Accordingly, the Takahashi et al. patent is no longer a reference against this case, since it was filed on January 22, 2003, which is after the September 19, 2002 filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-273023. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the Takahashi et al. patent in view of the Orava et al. patent be withdrawn.

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